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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJ: EXIM INTEREST IN EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS' DC-9'S

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1. EAA CORPORATION SECRETARY STATED THAT TWO OF THREE DC-9'S IN POSSESSION EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS ARE LOCATED IN NAIROBI AND ONE IN TANZANIA. HE UNDERSTANDS TANZANIANS ARE NOW OPERATING DC-9 IN INTERNAL SERVICE, BUT BELIEVED AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE BEEN GROUNDED WITHIN FEW DAYS DUE TO INABILITY OF TANGOV TO MEET MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE. EAA'S SERVICE FACILITIES AND SPARE PARTS INVENTORY ARE UNDER LOCK AND KEY IN NAIROBI. EAA OFFICIAL ALSO STATED THAT TANZANIA'S DC-9 CARRIES FULL GROUND AND FLIGHT INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH TANZANIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

2. ACCORDING TO KENYA AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN G.W. GICHUKI, ONE OF DC-9'S HELD IN KENYAN TERRITORY IS ALLEGEDLY BEING REPAINTED IN KENYA AIRWAYS COLORS AND DUE TO ENTER FLIGHT SERVICE THIS WEEK. FULL FLIGHT AND GROUND INSURANCE COVERAGE WILL BE TAKEN OUT FEB 16 THROUGH KENYA NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY OF NAIROBI. OTHER DC-9 IS GROUNDED AT NAIROBI AIRPORT AND HOLDS EAA'S GROUND INSURANCE COVERAGE ONLY.

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3. ON QUESTION LOAN PAYMENTS TO EXIMBANK, EAA OFFICER STATED THAT MANAGEMENT DUE TO MEET BEFORE FEB 22 TO WIND UP AIRLINE. HE GUESSED THAT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO A RECEIVER TO WHOM CREDITORS COULD APPEAL FOR REPAYMENT OUTSTANDING DEBTS. E.A. FINANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TRI-STATE TALKS CONCERNING APPORTIONMENT

EAA FLEET, HAS BEEN FORCED TO POSTPONE OPENING MEETING AT LEAST THREE TIMES AND SHOWS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY SITTING. EMBOFF PROMISED TO CHECK BACK BEFORE FEB 22 DISPERSAL OF EAA SKELETON STAFF TO DETERMINE FINAL ACTION OF BOARD.

4. MEANWHILE KENYA AIRWAYS PLANS TO PUT DC-9 INTO SERVICE ON NAIROBI-MOMBASA ROUTE PERHAPS BEGINNING FEB 17. WHEN ASKED WHAT KA PLANNED TO DO ABOUT DEBT ON AIRCRAFT, GICHUKI SAID GOK WOULD ASSUME ONE-THIRD OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS ON THREE DC-9'S. CHAIRMAN NOTED MATHEMATICAL CONVENIENCE OF KA'S DECISION -- AIRLINE PICKED UP ONE-THIRD OF EAA'S DC-9 FLEET AND GOK THEORETICALLY ONE-THIRD SHAREHOLDER IN DEFUNCT EAA.

5. AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM MAY WISH TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT DC-9 IN TANZANIAN SERVICE. EAA HEADQUARTERS WAS NOT WELL-INFORMED REGARDING FUTURE OPERATING PLANS OF TANGOV BUT APPARENTLY EAA'S REGIONAL OFFICE IN DAR ES SALAAM IS STILL OPEN TO HANDLE DOMESTIC FLIGHTS.

6. BESIDES FOLLOWING UP WITH DISSOLVING EAA MANAGEMENT N NEXT WEEK, WE WILL SEEK WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM GOK TREASURY AS TO ITS FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS VIS A VIS KA'S DC-9 ACQUISITION.

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